(c) if it is 'open one' by when India is going to exercise it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO . FALEIRO): (a) to (c) India's nuclear programme has been geared exclusively for peaceful activities. Despite having proven demonstrated capability since 1974, India has exercised voluntary restraint in not embarking on any nuclear weapon programme. However, the secuirity situation of India remains constantly under review, particularly in the light of developments in the neighbourhood. The Govt of India will take all necessary measures designed to cope with any threat that may be posed to the security of the nation.

Submission of report by Indian missions abroad on the Status of Indian Workers

9. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Indian Missions in foreign countries had recently been directed to submit quarterly reports to the Government on the status of Indian workers employed and settled in foreign countries;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the names of the Indian Missions which have submitted quarterly reports to the Government in response to the directive so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO . FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Agreement with RRessian Federation

10. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2710 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th March, 1992 and state:

(a) whether an Agreement on Friendship and cooperation between India and the Russian Federation has since been signed; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The proposed Agreement is still under negotiation.

Amount paid by UN to Indian Police Personnel sent to Namibia

11. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount paid by U.N. per person to Government of India for the Indian Police Contingent sent to Namibia in 1989-90;

(b) whether this amount was transferred to members of this police contingent;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) The U.N. paid an allowance ranging from US $ 62/- to US $ 80/- per day per person depending upon location in Namibia and whether housing or food was provided, directly to the Indian Police Contingent deputed to Namibia. These amounts were paid over and above their pay and allowances and other admissible benefits they continued to receive in India from the Government. In addition, the Government was reimbursed the cost of providing monitors at a standard rate of US $ 9505/- plus a supplement of US $ 280/- per month per person based on 25 per cent of the authorised strength of the contingent. This was on account of pay and allowances, mobilisation charges

and compensation for dislocation of Police personnel. A lso US $ 70/- per person per month was reimbursed as usage factor for personnel clothing, gear and equipment includig personal weapons and ammunition. These amounts have been transferred to the concerned Police Units.

Indian appeal to declare Pakistan Territorist Nation

12. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is going to appeal before the World community to declare Pakistan as a 'Terrorist Nation' because it is supporting terrorists in India openly; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The international community has been apprised of Pakistan's support to subversion and terrorism in the States of Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir. There is widespread understanding for India's position.

Financial assistance to foreign countries

13. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether India propose to offer financial assistance to Slovak Republic in Czechoslovakia;

(b) if so, details thereof with background for such move;

(c) whether similar requests have also been received from other foreign countires; and

(d) if so, what are the names of these countries and financial assistance to be provided in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO . FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) During the past year, a request for Rs. 10 crores has been received from Mongolia which is under consideration. Request from Bangladesh for Rs. 30 crores for purchase of capital goods and machinery from India has been accepted. Bhutan has requested assistance for its Five Year Plan which is under consideration, such assistance having been extended for all its Plans in the past.

Indo-Israel meetings

14. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of formal/informal meetings that have taken place between India and Israel since the latter was recongnised;

(b) what are the matters discussed; and

(c) what progress has been made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Two rounds of official-level discussions have taken place between India and Israel since the establishment of diplomatic relations on January 29, 1992.

(b) The discussions covered possible cooperation in various fields such as agriculture, science and technology, civil aviation, tourism and culture.

(c) Expert-level delegations to undertake visits to work out programmes in some of the areas identified.

Consular offices in South Africa

15. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has since decided to establish Consular relationship with South Africa;